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Attorney Docket No. 040679/1099

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Request
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Applicant: Hiromi SHIKATA

Title: METHOD OF RECOGNIZING OBJECT BASED ON PATTERN MATCHING
AND MEDIUM FOR RECORDING COMPUTER PROGRAM HAVING SAME

Application No.: 09/612,548

Filing Date: July 7, 2000

Examiner: Le, Brian Q.

Art Unit: 2623

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: (check items that apply)

- a. Previously submitted:
- ☒ [X] Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on December 4, 2003.
 - ☐ [] Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ___ but not considered.
 - ☐ [] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ___.
 - ☐ [] Other ___.
- b. Enclosed are:
- ☐ [] Amendment/Reply.
 - ☒ [X] Petition for Extension of Time.
 - ☐ [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
 - ☐ [] Information Disclosure Statement.
 - ☐ [] Form PTO-1449 with copies of ___ listed reference(s).

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ [] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$770.00	= \$770.00
Total Claims:	17	31	= 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents	6	6	= 0	x \$86.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+	\$290.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$770.00

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00	\$0.00
[X] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00	\$950.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,480.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:		\$950.00
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:		\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL		\$950.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$1720.00
[X] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$860.00
[] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:		\$860.00

[] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$860.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

[X] A check in the amount of \$860.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

March 3, 2004
Date

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